

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of preparing artwork for implementation in creating a laser foil die; said method comprising:

providing an a gray scale image to be transferred to a laser foil die;

dividing a gray scale spectrum from black to white into predetermined number of gray scale levels;

assigning to each gray scale level a pattern of straight lines, said pattern comprising an angular orientation and a line spacing;

posterizing said gray scale image according to said gray scale levels, thereby selectively identifying a plurality of regions in said gray scale image; and

creating a pattern of prism lines applying to for each of said plurality of regions the line pattern assigned to the gray scale level of each said region.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

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6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

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9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A method of creating a laser foil die; said method comprising:

preparing an image having a plurality of regions, each of said plurality of regions comprising a pattern of prism lines;

providing a gray scale image;
dividing a gray scale spectrum from black to white into predetermined number of gray scale levels;
assigning to each gray scale level a pattern of straight lines, said pattern comprising an angular orientation and a line spacing;
posterizing said gray scale image according to said gray scale levels, thereby identifying a plurality of regions in said gray scale image;
applying to each of said plurality of regions the line pattern assigned to the gray scale level of each said region;
generating a film from said image, wherein said line pattern of prism lines for each of said plurality of regions is transferred to said film; and
transferring said image from said film to a blank stamping surface of a laser foil die,
~~wherein said pattern of prism lines for each of said plurality of regions is transferred to said stamping surface.~~

13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said transferring comprises executing an etching process.
18. (Withdrawn)
19. (Withdrawn)
20. (Withdrawn)
21. (Withdrawn)
22. (Withdrawn)
23. (Withdrawn)
24. (Withdrawn)
25. (Withdrawn)
26. (Withdrawn)

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27. (Withdrawn)

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31. (Withdrawn)

32. (Withdrawn)